

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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NON-SUBMISSION OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE BY NGOs
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of NGOs who have not submitted Utilization Certificate till the end of financial year 2006-07, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is some involvement of Ministry's officials or lack of initiative on the part of the officers for not pursuing NGOs to submit the Utilization Certificate;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the specific initiatives/efforts made by the Government to recover the amount from the defaulting NGOs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATIRAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) There were 7614 Utilization Certificates amounting to Rs.243.73 crores pending till the end of financial year 2006-07 from Organizations including NGOs.

(b) to (d): As a result of the concerted efforts of the Ministry's officials, the number of pending Utilization Certificates, which stood at 10,576 involving an amount of Rs.1233.4 crores in March, 2005, has come down to 7235 amounting to Rs.143.72 crores in August, 2007.

With the objective of reducing the number of pending UCs, the Ministry had taken the initiative to streamline the procedure for sanctioning grants under various sports and youth schemes. In so far as various youth schemes are concerned, all State Governments/UT Administrations have been assigned a greater role in pre-appraisal, scrutiny and prioritization of NGO proposals for consideration by the Ministry. The Ministry has also launched a drive to reconcile UCs in respect of grantee institutions and NGOs who have received grants under different schemes of the Ministry.

As per the provisions of Rule 209/211 of the General Financial Rules, notices have been issued to all defaulting NGOs to submit UCs and accounts, failing which they would be blacklisted after following the prescribed procedural steps in this regard.

While the recovery from grantee organizations of unutilized Government grants together with the penal interest as specified in the GFR is an ongoing process, action has been initiated by the Ministry against defaulting NGOs in a number of cases.